



CALTPA Steering Committee Minutes

October 28, 2009

Committee Members Attending

Kathy Athey	Project IMPACT - SJCOE
Billye Brown	Dominican University
Michael Cosenza	California Lutheran University
Ilene Foster	CSU Pomona
Dollyanne Hutchins	University of Pheonix
Millie Murray-Ward	CSU Stanislaus
Katie Pedley	ETS
Mick Verdi	CSU San Bernadino
Keith Walters	California Baptist University

Commission Staff Attending

Wayne Bacer	CTC CalTPA
Phyllis Jacobson	CTC TPA
Suzanne Sullivan	CTC CalTPA
Mike Taylor	CTC
Takur Karkee	CTC
Larry Birch	CTC

Committee Member Absent Due to Illness

Nedra Crow	National University
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Introductory Activity

Welcome

The charge to the CalTPA Steering Committee

Wayne Bacer presented the Charge (copy attached)

Oral report on the TPA Users Advisory Committee (UAC) meetings of September and October 2009

Phyllis Jacobson presented an overview of the activities of the UAC. This group is comprised of representatives from each of the three approved TPA models, including a program representative and a psychometrician, plus representatives from programs that are implementing each of the three models. During the UAC meeting of September, the agenda included consideration of the recommendations of a CSU/UC Ad Hoc committee which was looking for ways to reduce TPA implementation costs in these times of fiscal limitations. A report of the Committee's first meeting was presented to the Commission in October (<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2009-10/2009-10-2F.pdf>), including an agenda insert. UAC members also discussed developing and implementing a survey to gain data from a wider range of program sponsors to better inform the committee's recommendations to the Commission. The UAC referred two items from the original CSU/UC ad hoc group's recommendations to the Steering Committee because these recommendations related only to the CalTPA.

Reports from Committee Members

Keith Walter and Millie Murray-Ward spoke to the TPA sessions they attended at CalCouncil as well as the “temperature in the hallways”. Both reported mixed reviews for the TPA in general but that the value of the TPA overall is perceived as high.

Oral Report Pertaining to the October 2009 Survey sent to all TPA Coordinators and Discussion of the Two Recommendations Referred by the UAC

The CalTPA Steering Committee reviewed the program implementation survey results and the draft recommendations made by the UAC at its October meeting after its review of the survey data. Phyllis Jacobson asked the Committee to discuss the two original CSU/UC ad hoc recommendations that pertained only to the CalTPA which were referred to the CalTPA Steering Committee for input and recommendations to the Commission. These recommendations were: the potential elimination of the Subject-Specific Pedagogy (SSP) as a scored task and the potential elimination of the CalTPA requirement that scorers recalibrate every six months if they have not scored a particular task within that time frame. Informative discussion by all members ensued with the final consensus and recommendation to the Commission on both items that they remain as they currently are in place.

Bilingual/Foreign Language Candidate Target Language Use

Phyllis Jacobson raised the concern that Bilingual and Foreign language candidates might be better served if they completed their responses to the CalTPA in the target language. Discussion ensued with the consensus being that the directions to candidates not be changed at this time.

ISC and BM case replacement needs

Suzanne Sullivan presented the need to gather double scored cases (i.e., agreed upon scores) from programs to use for the online recalibration site as well as to replace and replenish the BMC and ISC case pool. The best method of assuring a response to the call for cases is to put programs on a schedule of sending in specific tasks on a regular basis. The Committee agreed with this plan. Ilene Foster asked if we could include a rationale for using twelve cases in independent scoring. Katie Pedly will provide that information to staff and it will be included in the slide presentation to potential assessors.

It was suggested that Lead Assessors be the score validation team(s) for these tasks and that this validation process be accomplished regionally. The Committee expressed agreement.

CalTPA/PACT/FAST Implementation Conference

The Committee was asked about the feasibility of holding a joint annual TPA Implementation conference with PACT and FAST. PACT conducts such an annual conference in the fall at UC Santa Barbara that has been well received. CTC staff presented a brief overview of the PACT conference they had just attended. Members expressed agreement that a joint conference with time for specific CalTPA sessions and/or meetings would be beneficial to all. The topic will be revisited at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Communication to and among the Coordinators

At present the CalTPA Commission staff and program sponsor staff communicate via email and have the Ning, which is little used. Both communication avenues will continue to be used for the present.

Other Items

Data collection

Members wanted to know when information would be coming forth regarding the report due in April 2010. Phyllis Jacobson is working on this.

Networking Day

Mick Verdi asked if Networking Days would be revived. It was suggested that we hold these as Data Days to include technical assistance around the April 2010 reports and other data concerns in the field. Staff will figure out if and how this could work.

Next steps for CalTPA

What should CalTPA 2.0 look like? Members will ponder this topic, which will be an item at the next CalTPA Steering Committee meeting, **Thursday, January 21, 2010**. Directions and additional information about arrangements for this meeting will be forthcoming.